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## THE VISITING COMMITTEE

Makes Its Report on the East Florida Seminary.

### SUGGESTIONS OF IMPORTANCE

Praises the Superintendent and Faculty—Says Appropriate Money for New Buildings.

The joint committee from the Senate and House, appointed to visit the East Florida Seminary has submitted the following report:

Hon. Frank Adams, President of the Senate:

Sir:—Your committee consisting of N. A. Blitch of the 21st district, John P. Wall and G. W. King on the part of the House, appointed under and by authority of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9, to visit, inspect and report their findings on the East Florida Seminary, situated at Gainesville, Fla., beg to submit the following report, to wit: That on Friday, the 24th day of April, your committee visited the East Florida Seminary at Gainesville, Fla., and found that the total number of students enrolled were 248; total number of males, 131; total number of females, 117; total number in attendance, 210; number of male students 111; number of female students, 99.

Number of counties represented are 23, which are as follows, to wit, with number of students from each county:

Alachua, 122; Marion, 17; Bradford, 9; Sumter, 10; Putnam, 8; Duval, 6; Levy, 5; Hillsboro, 5; Hamilton, 5; Orange, 5; Nassau, 4; Columbia, 3; Suwannee, 3; Lake, 3; Citrus, 5; St. Johns, 2; Monroe, 2; Leon, 1; Volusia, 1; Madison, 1; Polk, 1; Dade, 1; Gadsden, 1; other States, 20; Cuba, 4; Porto Rico, 1.

We further report, that we remained all day with the school, heard the general exercises, the students recite their recitations, saw them in the drilling exercises, dined with the faculty and the students, and that we found the discipline strict, and everything connected with the Seminary in excellent condition and order. The students were studious, orderly, and acted in a gentlemanly and lady like manner during our stay among them. We are sure from what we saw that the Seminary has an able president and an efficient and competent faculty, and desire to speak in the highest terms of their ability.

We find, however, that the buildings are in a very poor condition; that they are old, worn out and rotten from top to floor, that the sewerage system is inadequate and in a very poor condition, and for this reason the sanitary condition of the Seminary is not what it would be if the sewerage system were perfected. We also find that the drill and parade grounds are entirely too small to meet the demands of this school. In short, we find that we have an excellent institution of learning, ably managed, but practically without the necessary buildings and equipments to meet the demands of this institution.

We further find that the citizens of the city of Gainesville take a great pride in this institution, that they are proud of it, and that they stand ready and willing to co-operate in the furtherance of its needs. They have offered to purchase and deed to the State a new site for this institution consisting of one hundred (100) acres of land, situated three-quarters of a mile from the county court house. Your committee visited and inspected the proposed site, and find it high, dry, level and in every respect suitable for the institution, and we would respectfully recommend that the proper authority accept the donation of this site, and that the Legislature make a sufficiently large appropriation for the erection of the necessary buildings on this site, and the furnishing and equipment of the same.

We find this school centrally located and in a growing and flourishing condition, and for this reason any appropriation made by the Legislature for its maintenance, in our opinion, will be money well spent.

Below we give the income of the East Florida Seminary, which is as follows, to wit:

Appropriations for salaries and incidentals	\$5000 00
Appropriations for the commercial department	1750 00
Interest on the Seminary fund	2642 00
Total	\$9392 00
The appropriation for girls dormitory	\$1000 00
Appropriations for piano and library	1000 00
The appropriation for painting and repairs will be paid out for the purpose for which it was appropriated.	
The following is the current expenses of the Seminary for this year, namely:	
Salaries teachers	\$7200 00
Janitor for Seminary and barracks	234 00
Janitor for girls' dormitory	80 00
Matrons of barracks	240 00
Gas, on estimate for last two months	510 00
Fuel	20 00
Four typewriters	250 00
Scavenger	80 00
Telephone rent	10 00
Total	\$8774 00

There are a number of items of expense that are not placed on this account because the year is not yet out, and for that reason could not be gotten at.

### READ THE FIGURES.

To Voters and Taxpayers of Alachua County.

We give below some figures furnished by Hon. J. J. McCall, clerk of the court of Hamilton county—a tabular report taken from the records in his office—which shows that closing Hamilton county's saloons caused to be saved to the taxpayers of that county in two years, in money alone, \$5,329.55.

Following is the report:

1897.

Jurors and Grand Juror witnesses \$2518 00

Other witnesses than those before the Grand Jury 782 70

Sheriff and Clerk's costs 1346 86

Total for the year 1897 4647 56

1898.

Jurors and Grand Juror witnesses \$2052 90

Other witnesses than those before the Grand Jury 1055 10

Sheriff and Clerk's costs 1369 00

Total for the year 1898 4477 00

1899.

Jurors and Grand Juror witnesses \$1184 30

Other witnesses than those before the Grand Jury 376 70

Sheriff and Clerk's costs 683 36

Total for the year 1899 2244 35

1900.

Jurors and Grand Juror witnesses \$ 845 90

Other witnesses than those before the Grand Jury 208 30

Sheriff and Clerk's costs 496 45

Total cost for year 1900 1550 66

Total cost of the courts for the last 2 years we had saloons \$9124 36

Total cost of the courts for the first 2 years without them 3795 01

Total saving to the county of \$5329 55

Now, to the voters and taxpayers of Alachua county: Vote the saloons out of this county and you will cause a far greater saving to yourselves than the amount saved to Hamiltonians, for our county is larger than Hamilton, and the number of our saloons greater.

Pedrick off, Bryant on.

City Councilman C. C. Pedrick, who, with Saloonkeeper S. V. Duke became surety for a negro who was convicted in Mayor Thomas' court for selling whiskey here last Sunday, was not willing to stand the pressure any longer, and went to Mayor Thomas Wednesday morning, produced the negro, and said he wished to come off the bond.

County Commissioner T. C. Bryant, of Yular came to the help of the negro by taking Mr. Pedrick's place on the bond, and it is now Saloonkeeper Duke and County Commissioner Bryant who say they will pay \$525.00 if the worthless criminal fails to put in his appearance when Circuit Court convenes.

LATER.

Since the above was put in type Mr. Pedrick has had published a statement in our contemporary to the effect that he did not know the nature of the charge against the negro when he signed the bond. He says that Evans Haile and S. V. Duke asked him to sign the bond. He asked them what the negro was charged with, and they replied that it was of a trivial nature and would amount to nothing, and as a personal favor to Duke and Haile he signed the bond, etc. If Commissioner Bryant, who took Mr. Pedrick's place on the bond was also duped, he has the way chosen by Mr. Pedrick out of it.

It would be well, however, for all citizens to understand that Mayor Thomas is not likely to require a \$525.00 bond in a "trivial" case that will amount to nothing.

The Blue and the Grey.

At a meeting of Lew Wallace Post, G. A. R., which was held in this city Tuesday, Col. H. F. Dutton, Commander, presiding, Judge Horatio Davis, Commander of Stonewall Camp, U. C. V., was selected as orator of the day when Union Memorial Day is to be observed in this city, and the members of Stonewall Camp and Kirby Smith Chapter, U. D. C. were invited to affiliate with the G. A. R.

There could be no more appropriate way of showing that a real brotherly feeling does now exist among those grand old veterans who—away back in the "sixties"—met each other on bloody battle fields and fought with a desperation and valor never heard of before, and never witnessed since.

His Honor Judge Wills.

The agony is over; the judgeship for the new judicial circuit, of which Alachua county is a part, is settled, and it is now His Honor, Judge J. T. Wills.

Yesterday the Governor made the appointment, and it is well pleasing; we think, to a very large majority of the best people of this county, and doubtless of the entire circuit.

Now, if His Excellency, the Governor, will do as well when it comes to appointing a States Attorney, there will be plenty of our people ready to set 'em up to him when he visits Gainesville.

Sam Jones Coming.

Rev. Sam P. Jones, the noted lecturer, will lecture at the Opera House on Tuesday night, May 12. His subject will be "Get There and Stay There." This is no temperance lecture but strictly lyceum. Reserved seats on seats at Miller & Ayers.

Many of the stars are larger than the Earth, and yet we sell 104 STARS for \$1.

## A SUGGESTION TURNED DOWN

City Council Opposed to Disfranchising Good Citizens.

### UNFAIR—UNJUST—UNEQUAL

And Wants No Police Judge to Add Additional and Unnecessary Expense.

The city council convened in called session yesterday at 11 a. m., to consider some amendments which had been suggested to our Senator and Representatives at Tallahassee.

The council did not approve of the amendments, as is shown by the following resolution which was passed:

Whereas, It has been suggested to the city council of the city of Gainesville, that efforts will be made at the present session of the Legislature to change the charter of the city of Gainesville, so as to provide for the issue of bonds for public purposes to the extent of only 15 per cent instead of 20 per cent of the assessed valuation of all property assessed for taxation, which change in our opinion will not be sufficient to carry on the improvements of the city as it should be done in the future, and

Whereas, It is sought to prescribe in said charter that only those owning real estate, or the heads of families, whose wives own real estate, shall be allowed to vote upon the question of the issue of bonds, which provision in our judgment is unfair, unequal and unjust to many of our best citizens who have thousands of dollars of personal property upon which they pay as much tax as those who own real estate, and who are just as much entitled to a vote in the matter of the issuance of said bonds, and

Whereas, It is further desired to amend said charter, so as to create a municipal office to be known as Municipal Judge, whose duties it shall be to try and determine all offenses against the ordinances of the said city, which provision in our judgment is unnecessary and a useless expenditure of the money of said city, as the duties which would be imposed upon the Police Judge are now discharged by the Mayor of the city, without additional cost or expense, therefore,

Be it resolved by the city council of the city of Gainesville in body assembled, that we disapprove of these amendments which are sought to be made in the charter of the city; and we do hereby request our Senator and Representatives in the Legislature not to embody such provisions in the said charter, and that they pass the bill amending the chapter 5104 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1901, in conformity with the request heretofore made by this council.

Be it further resolved that the clerk of the council be directed to immediately forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Senator from this district and to each of our Representatives from Alachua county.

Camp and the Dam.

The herculean task of constructing a dam across the mouth of Alachua Sink has been begun; workmen are on the grounds and the work is beginning to progress in a business-like manner.

W. N. Camp, a phosphate king and prince of orange growers, is the promoter of the project, and while it is doubted by some if the undertaking can prove successful, those who know Mr. Camp, and have seen obstacles clear his path as if they possessed the powers of reason and were fleeing before a conqueror, feel sure if Alachua Sink can be dammed Camp will dam it.

If the project proves successful—and Mr. Camp feels positive that it will—it is thought a 1000 horse power will be developed, which will be sufficient to run the city's electric and ice plants, and every other machine now operative in Gainesville and surrounding country, and many more. It will also make of the Sink vicinity a pleasure resort that will become famous.

Who Was He?

The best of people have their "ups and downs," and not everything laid down by the most scrupulously sober, is at all times easily found.

It was but a few days ago when one of Gainesville's most prominent divines said, "I go fishing," and a clever citizen who is not a divine said, "I go with thee." We are not told what kind of bait was carried, or how long the fishermen toiled before their labors were rewarded by a satisfactory catch, but when the fishes taken had all become the property of the divine, by the generous suggestion of the citizen who is not a divine, the owner laid them down while preparations for the homeward journey was being made, but when he would have taken them up and turned his face homeward, lo and behold! they were nowhere to be found. Where had they gone? And the divine; who was he?

It is useless to try to get even a very short item of news in this paper later than 8 o'clock on publication days. Everything for publication should be sent in as soon as possible. We go to press at 10 a. m.

### HAIR GROWER.

This is Very Wonderful if True—Try a Bottle and be Convinced.

Brooklyn N. Y., April 21, 99

Dr. S. B. Giddings,

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly inform me by return mail if you can send your fifty cent bottle of Hair Grower the Unparalleled (Trade Mark) and if so I will send you a postal note for the same. Please inform me the amount of postage if it can be mailed.

When in Florida the winter of 1897 and 98 I used five bottles of the twenty-five cent size and produced a nice growth of hair where it had been entirely bald for fifteen years, and now I would like to try it once more if I can get it.

Yours truly,

J. W. HAYNES, 59 Hicks St.

State of Florida,

County of Alachua,

City of Gainesville.

Personally appeared before the undersigned a Notary Public in and for the State of Florida, at large, S. B. Giddings, who being duly sworn by me deposes and says that the above testimonial was sent to him by mail by J. W. Haynes, a man whom he had never seen or heard of, also that he had no knowledge of the Unparalleled Hair Grower, and as far as he knows no one had influenced him to send it, and that the man has never received anything for sending it.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of November A. D. 1902.

S. B. GIDDINGS, M. D.

Notary Public for the State of Florida at large.

Do not lay this paper aside until you have read the large catchy advertisement of Garrett's School of Art, which is located in Miller's Law Exchange, this city. And when you have finished reading the advertisement go and see some of Mr. Garrett's work. If you are interested in drawing, writing, etc., or if you want a perfect picture of yourself or some relative or friend, it will pay you to call on Mr. Garrett.

Measures G. K. Broome, J. W. Tench, C. A. Colclough, A. R. Harper, J. L. Kelley, J. D. Stringfellow, W. P. Lee and Miss Sallie Broome, a strong delegation of Daughters, and of Gainesville's most estimable ladies, went in a body to Tallahassee to attend the State Convention of the U. D. C. These ladies are of the powerful faction that oppose the faction led by the president of the home Chapter, and the two factions promise to inject some interesting matters into the business of the convention.

"A Lot of 'air."

The inhabitants of the little town of Somersby, in England, where Tennyson was born, are frank in giving their opinion of their distinguished fellow townsman. One old woman thus related her impressions of the poet to a visitor:

"'E was a very quiet man. 'E seemed as if 'e was 'alf asleep, with 'is eyes 'alf shut an' peepin', an' 'e used to poke at ye, loike 'e 'fun, wi' 'is stick. 'E 'ad such a lot of 'air an' a long beard, an', sinkin' her voice confidentially, "'e never looked very clean; no, 'e didn't."

And this somewhat startling testimony was promptly confirmed by her husband, who added:

"If you'd met 'im goin' along this dusty road, you'd 'a' takken 'im for a tramp goin' to Brigg for a night's lodgin'."

It Reminded Him.

One sharp November day, says the Philadelphia Record, a boy entered a car, leaving the door open, much to the discomfort of an old gentleman who sat next. As the wind chilled his narrow temples rose. Leaning across his seat and taking the kid by his ear, he said: "Were you brought up in a barn? Why don't you shut the door?"

The boy said nothing, but closed the door, coming back to his seat 13 tears. This sight moved the old man to relenting pity. "There, there," he said, "little man; I didn't really mean you were brought up in a barn."

"That's just it," retorted the kid. "I was brought up in a barn, and every time I see a jackass it makes me think of it."

An Interesting Coin.

An interesting coin has just been sold in Germany. It is one of the few coins in the history of the world which can be accused of having a humorous side to it. In 1670 the Danes descended on the port of Hamburg, but their attack on the famous Hanse town proved unsuccessful. The inhabitants of the town struck a medal to commemorate the occasion. The legend on the coin was as follows: "The king of Denmark has been to Hamburg. If thou wouldst know what he achieved, look on the other side." It is needless to add that "the other side" is a blank.

Mr. Peck Again.

"Dear me," said Mrs. Peck, who was reading the paper while Henry waited patiently for a look at it. "Here is a case of a woman who packed up all the furniture and left home while her husband was away at work, and now he can find no traces of her."

And Henry's face lost its expression of patient resignation, taking on the light of a great and buoyant hope, for he had read that women were sometimes influenced by what they saw in the papers.—Baltimore American.

Advice.

Advice is a good thing, but it will always be something of a nuisance until the givers of it accept responsibility for the bad as readily as they take credit for the good.—Saturday Evening Post.

Capt. J. W. Carter of Micanopy was in the city a while Wednesday.

Giddings' Hair Grower does the work, if

Several of Gainesville's prominent citizens have been to Tallahassee and returned.

Go to F. M. Celson & Co for ice cold drinks, ice cream, etc.

When you come to court next Tuesday bring a dollar for a year's subscription to THE STAR.

Go to F. M. Celson & Co for ice cream and arctic drinks.

L. C. Gracy, the hustling saw mill man of near Hague, was in the city several times recently.

If your hair is becoming thin try Giddings Unparalleled Hair Grower.

Mr. Powell one of High Springs' popular merchants, was a business visitor to the city Wednesday.

Ice cream delivered to any part of the city. J. M. Mason, Telephone 171. at

How is it that the mouth of the Mississippi river is about three miles higher than its source?

Ice cream, lemonade, cold soda water, limeade, candy, chewing gum, etc., at F. M. Celson & Co's.

J. B. Padgett, the Paradise naval stores man, was in the city Wednesday and subscribed for THE STAR.

The finest and most complete line of Lamps ever seen in our city, now on sale at L. C. Smith's store.

G. W. Roland, a respected citizen of Alachua, was a pleasant caller at the STAR office Tuesday afternoon.

Have you tried Giddings' Hair Grower? Others have tried it and pronounced it good. For sale at Giddings' Drug store, if

Col. I. E. Webster, of the Dutton Phosphate Co., with headquarters at Dutton, was in the city yesterday.

It will cost you nothing to look at our line of Table Cutlery and to get our prices on Rogers' flatware. L. C. Smith.

Capt. Henry C. Parker of the Cross was in the city Monday and paid THE STAR office a much appreciated visit.

If it is job printing you want just send your order to the Star. It will have prompt attention, and work and prices will suit you.

Wayland Roberts of High Springs passed through the city Wednesday en route to Jacksonville and Fernandina.

Mr. A. T. Kelley of Rochelle was in the city Tuesday and had his name placed on THE STAR subscription list.

C. V. McQueen, one of the West End's most prominent planters, was in the city Wednesday from his home at Lexington.

A full line of Wrist Bags Chateleine Bags, Card Cases and Pocket Books may be found at L. C. Smith's store. Be sure to see them.

There are Jersey cows in this city that yield from 8 to 10 quarts of milk at a single milking, and the milk is very rich with cream.

C. D. Schafer, who wields in a dexterous manner, the engraver's mallet and chisel in this city, paid High Springs a business visit Wednesday.

Giddings' Unparalleled Hair Grower is all that its name implies. It cures dandruff stops falling hair and produces new hair. It is an excellent hair dresser. For sale at Giddings' Drug Store. If

Mrs. T. J. Watkins, a most estimable lady of Nocatee, after a three weeks visit to Mrs. H. L. Phifer of this city, left for her home Tuesday.

Spirits of turpentine—a few days ago worth sixty odd cents a gallon—is now down in the forties. But even at 40 cents the turpentine business is not a poor one.

Gen. C. A. Gilchrist of Wade, one of THE STAR's staunchest friends and supporters, was an agreeable caller at our sanctum yesterday, and paid for THE STAR to be sent to his son in Alabama.

W. R. Thomas sold a fine Jersey cow to W. J. Fowler of Lennon a few days ago. The price paid for the cow was \$1,100.00, and when her qualities as a milch cow are considered she is cheap at that price.

Miss Addie Wright, one of the graduating class of the Gainesville Graded and High School, has returned to the school from her home at Lexington, where she spent a few weeks on account of the illness of her mother.

This Presbytery of Suwannee will meet in this city next Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of acting on the resignation of Rev. L. R. Lynn, who resigns from the Micanopy and High Springs churches to accept a call to Palatka.

Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Holley are in Savannah attending the Southern Baptist Convention. Miss Yancy, who has been a guest of Mrs. Holley for several months accompanied them, and from there will proceed to her home in Kentucky.

If you have a friend whom you think would like THE STAR, send us his or her name and postoffice address on a postal card, and we will send a sample copy. If you have a friend whom you wish to favor about \$10 worth for a dollar, just send us the dollar and we will send the friend THE STAR 104 times; 'twould be a nice present.

Mr. A. O. Steenburg, who returned recently from Cuba, where he and T. J. Watkins of Nocatee, had been on a prospecting tour, is loud in his praise of Cuba as a new country and one for young men to do well in. He is of the opinion that Cuba is the best place of all. If Cuba is the best place of all it is a case (as far as Americans are concerned) of saving the best till the last, for when we tire of Cuba then it's old ocean.

## 4 POINTS

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